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ABSTRACT

One or more embodiments of the present disclosure facilitate effective engagement in civic discussion between users of a networking system. In particular, systems and method described herein provide a communication platform over which users of a networking system can engage in civic discourse and provide feedback about various civic issues. For instance, systems and methods include configuring a digital forum for a jurisdiction (e.g., a legal jurisdiction) and provides one or more discussion interfaces within the digital forum within which users of the networking system can discuss civic issues including, for example, current laws, law proposals, representatives, candidates, and other topics associated with the jurisdiction.

